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SUBJECT: ROK/JAPAN RELATIONS: MIYAZAWA VISIT TO SEOUL

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: JAPANESE EMBASSY NOW DOUBTFUL MIYAZAWA WILL COME TO SEOUL BECAUSE OF MIYAZAWA'S DISPLEASURE OVER ALLEGED LAST-MINUTE ROKG CHANGE OF SIGNALS REGARDING PROPOSED KOREAN AIDE MEMOIRE ON KIM TAE CHUNG CASE. FONMIN KIM TONG-JO, OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY OVER JAPANESE INSISTENCE ON AIDE MEMOIRE AS PRECONDITION FOR VISIT, PRESS LEAKS IN JAPAN, AND JAPANESE UNWILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE STEPS ROKG HAS ALREADY TAKEN, CONFIRMS VISIT NOW UNCERTAIN. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPANESE COUNSELOR OKAZAKI TOLD DCM JULY 21 THAT LANGUAGE OF ROKG AIDE MEMOIRE ON KIM TAE CHUNG CASE (WHICH JAPANESE HAD REQUESTED TO CLEAR WAY FOR MIYAZAWA VISIT) HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BY JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICE AND KCIA, LATTER ACTING THRU ROK AMBASSADOR KIM IN TOKYO. AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD HAVE STATED THAT ROKG HAD REFERRED CASE OF KIM TONG UN, ALLEGED KIDNAPPER OF KIM TAE CHUNG, TO PROSECUTORS

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FOR POSSIBLE INDICTMENT; PROSECUTORS' OFFICE HAD, HOWEVER, RETURNED DECISION ON NON-INDICTMENT FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD HAVE CONTINUED THAT KIM TONG UN'S ACTIONS HAD NOT BEEN THOSE EXPECTED OF CIVIL SERVANT AND HAD BEEN SUFFICIENTLY REPREHENSIBLE TO WARRANT JAPANESE POLICE SUSPICION OF HIS INVOLVEMENT

IN KIM TAE CHUNG KIDNAPPING; FOR THIS REASON ROKG HAD DEPRIVED HIM OF HIS RIGHTS AS CIVIL SERVANT. JAPANESE POLICE WOULD HAVE MADE PRO FORMA PROTEST THAT AIDE MEMOIRE INSUFFICIENT BUT, WITH FACE SAVED ON ALL SIDES, BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD HAVE AGREED DROP CASE AS ISSUE BETWEEN THEM.

3. OKAZAKI SAID FOREGOING HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH MIYAZAWA AND MIKI. UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT ROKG WOULD DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE JULY 14 AND THAT ON JULY 15 GOJ WOULD ANNOUNCE MIYAZAWA'S VISIT. HOWEVER, ON JULY 14, ROK AMBASSADOR KIM HAD INFORMED GOJ ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL THAT ROKG WOULD NOT DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE UNLESS KEY SECOND PARA DELETED AND UNLESS GOJ WOULD

GIVE ROKG AIDE MEMOIRE ON MUN SE KWAN CASE. MIYAZAWA AND VICE MINISTER TOGO HAD FIRMLY REJECTED THIS DEMAND.

4. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR NISHIYAMA RETURNED FROM TOKYO JULY 20 AND HAD LATE EVENING MEETING WITH FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO. LATTER COMPLAINED BITTERLY HE HAD ONLY BEEN BELATEDLY INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF PROPOSED AIDE MEMOIRE AND FELT THAT JAPANESE HAD BY-PASSED HIM IN REACHING AGREEMENT. NISHIYAMA RESPONDED THAT GOJ HAD DEALT IN GOOD FAITH WITH ROK AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO AND THAT GOJ WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL ROKG DIFFICULTIES. FONMIN KIM, HOWEVER, HELD FAST TO LATEST ROK DEMAND, ALLEGING THAT AMBASSADOR KIM HAD BRIEFED PRESIDENT PARK ON AIDE MEMOIRE BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED CLEARANCE FROM PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT IT.

5. OKAZAKI SAID MIYAZAWA WAS FIRM IN HIS RESOLUTION NOT TO VISIT SEOUL UNLESS AIDE MEMOIRE AS ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON WAS SENT TO GOJ. MIYAZAWA'S TRIP TO SEOUL WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY CABINET AS SESSION ON MORNING OF JULY 22 AND MIYAZAWA WOULD NOT BE DISPOSED EVEN TO REQUEST CABINET APPROVAL UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. OKAZAKI SAID THERE SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT MIYAZAWA MIGHT BE OVERRULED BY PRIMIN MIKI. IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE MIKI TO PERMIT SEOUL TRIP, BUT SINCE MIKI HAS PERSONALLY ANNOUNCED VISIT, HE MAY INSIST THAT MIYAZAWA GO THRU WITH IT WITH OR WITHOUT AIDE MEMOIRE BECAUSE MIKI ANXIOUS TO CREATE BEST POSSIBLE ATMOSPHERE FOR WASHINGTON VISIT.

7. OKAZAKI ALSO SAID THAT AMBASSADOR NISHIYAMA SOUGHT TO ENLIST ASSISTANCE OF PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL IN OVERRULING FONMIN KIM, AS HE HAD DURING

LAST SEPTEMBER'S ROK/JAPAN CRISIS. JAPANESE HAD BEEN INFORMED, IN GREAT CONFIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT PRIMIN IN HOSPITAL FOR "CLOSE CHECK UP" AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY BUSINESS DURING THIS WEEK. (PRIMIN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY TOLD DCM THAT PRIMIN HAS HAD A WART REMOVED FROM THE TOP OF HIS HEAD AND DOES NOT WISH TO APPEAR WITH SHAVEN PATE.)

8. DURING JULY 21 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, FONMIN KIM CONFIRMED THAT MIYAZAWA VISIT STILL UNCERTAIN. QUESTION WAS NOT A JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE BETWEEN MOFA AND KCIA ON HOW TO HANDLE KIDNAPPING CASE. CRUCIAL ISSUE WAS JAPANESE DEMAND THAT CASE HAD TO BE SETTLED AS A CONDITION FOR VISIT. ALREADY CONTENT OF PROPOSED KOREAN NOTE VERBALE HAD BEEN LEADED BY YOMIURI, GIVING IMPRESSION THAT MIYAZAWA VISIT AND ENTIRE FUTURE OF ROK/JAPAN RELATIONS DEPENDED ON SETTLEMENT THIS ISSUE. ROKG HAD ALREADY DONE A GREAT DEAL TO MEET JAPANESE DEMANDS ON WHOLE KIDNAPPING ISSUE, AS WITNESS FIRING OF YI HU-RAK AS HEAD OF KCIA, AS WELL AS DISMISSAL KIM TONG-UN AND WITHDRAWAL OF AMBASSADOR LEE-HO. SNEIDER

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